

Drought has always been a feature of California's climate. But increasingly warm average temperatures tied to climate change have increased the likelihood of more frequent, intense, and damaging droughts. Using water carefully should be a California lifestyle. It also reduces the energy and greenhouse gas emissions associated with moving, treating, and heating water.

Reduce Water Waste At Home

Tips from Dept of Water Resources' **Save Our Water**

- Plant drought-resistant and native vegetation and use mulch.
- Turn water off when brushing or shaving to save 10+ gallons.
- Take 5-minute showers and half-full baths to save 24+ gallons.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes to save up to 60 gallons.
- Fix leaks to save 110 gallons every month
- Water trees directly with a hose or five-gallon bucket.



Did you know

Of the water used by communities in California, about half goes to irrigate landscapes, and half of that is lost to evaporation, wind, and runoff. (Save Our Water).

In the last drought, 2012-16, statewide per capita residential water use declined 21 percent. (Water Resources Control Board)



**GET INVOLVED
IN YOUR
COMMUNITY**



Learn more about saving water and inspire others with a beautiful, water-wise yard (Save Our Water).



Advance climate action by volunteering to plant native, drought-resistant vegetation (CCAC Volunteer Hub).



Improve your community's water conservation practices by sharing these tips with 5 of your friends, family members, or neighbors.